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Dear Sir:

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

DECLARATION OF JENNIE S. MALLOY IN SUPPORT OF PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.137(f) and 1.137(b)

- I, Jennie S. Malloy, make the following Declaration:
- 1. I am a Registered Patent Attorney, Registration No. 37,670, and a shareholder and partner attorney with the law firm Malloy & Malloy, P.A. having an address of 2800 S.W. Third Avenue, Miami, Florida 33129;
- 2. The undersigned filed the above-identified patent application on April 2, 2001 with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office along with a Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
- 3. Subsequently, the Applicant decided that foreign patent protection would be important for the invention recited in the above-noted application and instructions were provided to the

undersigned to file a corresponding patent application under the Patent Cooperation Treaty ("PCT").

- In accordance with those instructions, the undersigned filed a corresponding foreign patent application on April 2, 2002, under a multilateral international agreement, namely, the Patent Cooperation Treaty. This PCT application, which included a claim of priority to the above-noted U.S. application, was assigned Serial No. PCT/US02/10212 and became published on October 10, 2002.
- Due to a clerical error, and also to the rather new procedures and/or forms being established relative to rescindment of Requests for Non-Publication, the need to file a Request to Rescind the earlier Request for Non-Publication within the prescribed 45 day time period was either not noticed or not docketed for action.
- Upon a detailed review of the above-referenced U.S. application on April 23, 2003, in preparation for responding to a first Office Action, it was learned that the Request to Rescind had not been timely filed, and as such, this Petition is being presented immediately upon learning of same.
- I Declare under penalty of perjury that the preceding is true and correct.